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# 2015 plan to reintroduce elk to Jackson County coming into fruition

Ken Luchterhand  
Staff Writer

A long-time effort to acquire elk on the Jackson County landscape may become reality. If everything goes as planned, elk will be in the area in the spring of 2015.

There are many partners engaged in this reintroduction effort, pooling funds and resources to ensure the restoration occurs and is successful. Ho-Chunk Nation DNR was awarded a United States Fish and Wildlife Service Tribal Wildlife Grant in 2012. Approximately \$100,000 of the grant is being used to support elk restoration.

As restoration planning progressed, it became clear that additional funds were needed to support the project. Karash presented details of the project to HCN legislatures. The Heritage Preservation Executive Director, Robert Mann, will examine the budget to identify some funds to support the elk project. Ho-Chunk Nation Heritage Preservation Department had spared \$50,000 to develop a budget for the elk restoration program.

Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Natural Resources Wildlife Biolo-

gist Karen Karash provided a presentation on Tuesday, Feb. 7, about the recent efforts, plus a timeline and developments for the proposed reintroduction.

Present at the meeting were past DNR managers, the Heritage Preservation Executive Directors, as well as the current DNR Manager and staff. Also present was Wisconsin DNR Wildlife Biologist Scott Roepke, out of Black River Falls.

Karash gave recognition to Richie Brown, who was in attendance, as responsible for his work during the initial effort from the Ho-Chunk Nation in 1998. Back then, a plan had been established to acquire elk from Alberta, Canada. Richie was key in the planning effort as he brought a cultural perspective to the project and influenced the location selected for an acclimation pen. The exact location of the proposed 2015 holding pen is being reevaluated, but original plans were to build it near "Squaw Flowage," now termed "Seated Old Woman Flowage." That area has a cultural link to the Ho-Chunk members. Also, the planners hope to make the site inaccessible to the public, wanting the elk to have no or very little contact with humans.

The effort came very close to reality, if not for the sudden appearance of a disease



The funds to maintain an elk herd in the Jackson County area come from a variety of sources, including the Ho-Chunk Nation.

## Elk Management Maintenance



\$200,000 annually

## Elk Restoration Budget \$575,000

Partner Contributions include; \$450,000



\$50,000



\$300,000+



\$100,000 USFWS Grant

Partners Not Represented above committing in-kind help include: Jackson County Forestry and Parks, Black River Area Chamber of Commerce, and Jackson County Board.

in the state. About the time arrangements were being made to transport the elk, Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) was found in the whitetail deer population in the state, Karash said. That discovery of CWD put a stop to all plans of elk reintroduction on the back burner until more information was known about how to

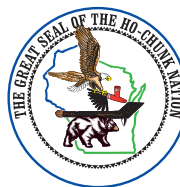
manage CWD.

Presently, part of the plan is to receive elk from Kentucky in exchange for grouse. No agreement has been formalized, but both the Wisconsin DNR and Kentucky Fish and Game are working on specific details regarding that agreement.

Karash has been representing the Nation on the Elk Advisory Committee since March 2012. Through the committee's efforts one obstacle after another has been tackled as restoration plans keep pushing through. One of those hurdles included establishing state statutes which would grant authority needed to transport wild elk into the state and include language within the Governor's budget to support the restoration project. In July of 2013 it was approved. Kentucky has been identified as the source herd for a variety of reasons, including but not limited to their sophisti-

cated elk quarantine facility and reputation for providing a number of states for a number of years with qual-

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# Wisconsin needs to improve relations with tribes

Submitted by Chris Danou, WI State Representative

This Thursday, Menominee Nation Chairman Craig Corn will deliver the annual State of the Tribes address to members of the state Legislature. The address, in a very similar fashion to the annual State of the State address, will be held in the Assembly Chamber with members from all branches of government present, as well as other dignitaries.

Although there has been some speculation as to what Corn’s address will entail, it has been made clear that the speech will not highlight the recent divisions between the tribes and the state. While I agree with Mr. Corn that the event is not the right time or place to have such a discussion, I do believe that we need to remember the importance of having a stable and decent relationship between the state and the tribes.

Historically speaking, the state and tribes have had moments of tension, but overall relations have been respectful. However, the past few years have brought some tensions between the state and the tribes. Patty Loew, A Bad River Band of Lake Superior Chippewa member and UW-Madison communications professor said last week, “I’m not sure I’ve ever seen the relationship between the state and the Indian nations here so tense.” With recent actions by the Governor and legislature, I can’t help but see the truth in Loew’s statement. While most of the tribal discussion centers on the proposed Hard Rock Hotel and Casino in Kenosha, the iron mine in the Penokee Hills and the second season of wolf hunting, there is another important topic that needs to be addressed.

This past December, Governor Walker signed

AB 297 into law so some school districts, particularly Mukwonago High School in Waukesha County, could keep their name, mascot and logo in place. The bill reverses 2009 Wisconsin Act 250 that made it hard for schools to keep their American Indian team names, mascots or logos if they had complaints filed against them. The bill was the first of its kind in the nation and was passed by a Democratic legislature, signed by Governor Doyle and went into effect in May 2010. Most school districts across Wisconsin, including Gale-Etrick-Trempealeau in our own community, responded accordingly and changed their team name, mascots and logos without much controversy or difficulty.

Clearly, Wisconsin led the way with this issue and was on the right side of history until this past December. In a statement, Department of

Public Instruction Superintendent Tony Evers expressed his disappointment with the bill and what it means to Wisconsin students. “There is a growing body of research documenting the negative educational outcomes associated with the use of American Indian mascots, logos, and nicknames. Civil rights issues have seldom been resolved locally. This law is a disservice to the children of Wisconsin and their education.” Since times do change, this issue has quickly gone from community schools across Wisconsin to professional sports teams across the nation.

This past Monday, an article in the Washington Post talked about how some influential members of Congress from Washington and Oklahoma wrote a letter to NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell urging him and the league “to take a formal position in support of a name change” by the

Washington Redskins. Clearly, the discussion that began in local Wisconsin communities five years ago has become a national conversation that has involved billion dollar businesses. Personally, I find it embarrassing that Gov. Walker reversed Act 250 and it bothers me that Wisconsin is no longer a national leader on this issue. I understand some folks may have an attachment to their community mascot and team name, but I believe it’s equally important to understand that times change. Things that were considered acceptable decades ago are no longer appropriate and are seen as offensive by many. Instead of turning back the clock on American Indian name use, we should be respectful and move forward in our relations with all of the tribes in Wisconsin.

# Tennessee Gov: Absolutely Free 2-Year & Tech College Tuition

Submitted by WI State Senator Kathleen Vinehout

“So, what’s the best jobs plan?” The Governor asked his State of the State audience. “Easy answer: education. If we want to have jobs ready for Tennesseans, we have to make sure that Tennesseans are ready for jobs.”

With this introduction, Governor Bill Haslam announced a plan to bring absolutely free tech and community college education to every high school senior regardless of his or her grades or ability to pay.

“We just needed to change the culture of expectations in our state,” Governor Haslam told the New York Times. “College isn’t for everybody, but it has to be for a lot more people than it’s been in the past if we’re going to have a competitive work force...If we can go to people and say, ‘This is totally free,’ that gets their attention.”

It’s the season of bold plans

for governors. As legislatures gather to hear State of the State speeches, state executives put their best plans forward. As bold plans go, Republican Governor Haslam’s is right at the top.

What if we could change the culture in Madison? Think outside the box and come up with a nonpartisan way to address state challenges using the budget surplus created by an improving economy?

Governor Walker proposed using the surplus to give owners of a median value home about \$100 a year drop in property taxes over last year. He added other minor tax changes to his plan, including less than a dollar a week cut for 98% of all income tax filers.

Discussions of the Governor’s plan focused on the wisdom of adding to the state’s structural deficit and leaving a paltry amount in the state’s savings account. Both are im-

portant concerns.

What if we could avoid big fiscal pitfalls and also do something bold?

At a cost of about thirty cents a day per person, Wisconsinites could have the Governor’s lower tax plan. For less than seventeen cents a day per Wisconsinite the state could put in place a plan of free tuition and fees for every Wisconsin resident attending our 16 Technical Colleges and 13 UW 2-year Colleges.

If implemented in the 2014-15 school year, the plan would cost annually less than \$350 million leaving over half a billion in this budget’s surplus going forward.

Putting state money into education is putting money where it works. Surveys of Wisconsin Technical College graduates reveal that nearly three out of four have jobs in their field within 6 months after graduation. Nearly 9 out of 10 graduates live and work

in Wisconsin.

Putting money toward technical and 2-year UW colleges also makes sense. These schools are the gateway of opportunity for hundreds of thousands of families in Wisconsin. A college education helps raise the income of families and strengthen the state’s economy.

An absolutely free first two years of college helps families of modest means afford a four year college education and helps those one in five Wisconsinites who have some college education but lack a degree think about going back to school.

Education raises wages and the likelihood of employment. According to a recent New York Times report, “More educated workers continue to enjoy much better employment options than those with a high school diploma or less.” The problem we face is only a third of our workforce has a

college degree or more. “With many less educated workers chasing a limited number of new jobs, employers have little reason to increase wages.”

Wisconsin’s economy is lagging. Wages have stagnated. Wisconsin will continue to lag the nation in personal income as long as we remain a less educated state than the national average.

Improving the education of Wisconsin’s workforce prepares Wisconsin for work and improves the economic health of the state. Families are better off which in turn benefits the state. Those who earn more, spend more, and pay more in taxes.

What would you prefer? A hundred dollars less in property taxes for a \$150,000 median value home or absolutely free tuition for every Wisconsin resident at our local tech and UW 2-year campuses. Think about it. And let me know!

## Dear Editor

Thanks for printing the story I wrote about my son. However, it is printed incorrectly. It sounds like my son is the one not allowing contact, my son is only 9 years old, it is my son’s guardian not allowing the contact.

For example you printed in the second paragraph and my son held true to his word as he has not allowed contact that is not correct. It should read and my son’s guardian has held true to his word as he has not allowed contact.

Will you please correct this misprint? As a reader it sounds like it is my son who

is refusing contact and its not, it is his guardian. The last paragraph has the same mistake, it reads, as for my son when it should state as for my sons guardian.

Thank you for your time into this matter.

Sincerely  
Robert Hastings

*(Note: The Letter to the Editor written by Mr. Hastings appeared in Issue 1 on the Letters page. The only thing changed in his letter was his son’s name was replaced the words “my son”. The Hocak Worak strives to share letters as intended by the writer.)*

## Ho-Chunk Nation enrolled tribal members



Get Ready for the New Year!!

The Ho-Chunk Nation is now offering six month fitness memberships!

For guidelines & application please contact:

Lyndsey Owen: 715-284-9851 ext 5068 or lyndsey.owen@ho-chunk.com

Karena Thundercloud: 715-284-9851 ext 5385 or karena.thundercloud@ho-chunk.com

\*Must be an enrolled Ho-Chunk member, must complete necessary paperwork and agree to terms/conditions to qualify for membership.





# Dark Chocolate

Submitted by Angela De-Smith, DTR, CLC Nutrition Education Assistant Nekoosa/Wittenberg

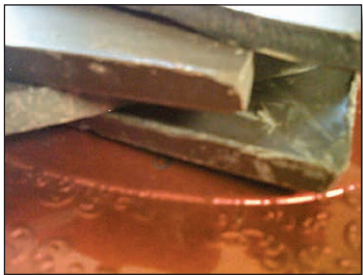
Will you be giving your sweetheart chocolates for Valentine’s Day? If so, consider giving dark chocolates instead of milk chocolate. Unlike milk chocolate, dark chocolate contains some healthful benefits from components in the chocolate such as polyphenols, specifically flavanoids that exhibit antioxidant properties. We know antioxidants protect cells from damage, which help prevent against heart disease and certain types of cancers.

In addition, according to the Journal of Health-System Pharmacy, August 01, 2012

issue, there have been many studies that show consumption of dark chocolate pose positive effects on blood pressure. Other studies reveal contradictory findings regarding effects of cocoa and dark chocolate on insulin sensitivity, and HDL/LDL cholesterol levels. Of course, additional research is needed to learn if these benefits are consistent, in future studies.

Cocoa is derived from cocoa beans then further made into chocolate. Dark chocolate has a high cocoa content, usually 60% or more. The higher the cocoa content the less sweet and more bitter the flavor. This bitterness can be too strong for some, especially if milk chocolate is the preferred choice. However,

it is possible to become accustomed to the bitter flavor of dark chocolate by gradually increasing the cocoa content in the chocolate consumed. Start with 50% cocoa then gradually move up to higher cocoa content. Eating dark



chocolate with dried fruit can also add a bit of sweetness. Keep in mind, dark chocolate is not for everyone as some are highly sensitive to bitter

flavors and may not be able to become accustomed to the bitter taste.

If you are not a regular consumer of chocolate then there is really no reason to start eating it, since you can receive generous amounts of antioxidants from fruits and vegetables.

If you are interested in incorporating dark chocolate into your diet, try to eat it in place of milk chocolate, treats, and/or desserts that you already consume. Or use as part of a healthy snack or meal. Add a few bite size pieces of dark chocolate to nuts, seeds, and dried fruit or in-between a couple graham crackers. Make a whole-wheat flour tortilla roll-up; spread on a thin layer of peanut butter;

top with a few small pieces of dark chocolate, nuts, banana chunks; and drizzle with honey. Also, add unsweetened cocoa powder to chili or homemade bean burritos. Start out by adding one tablespoon cocoa powder to a large batch of chili, add more if desired.

Eating excessive amounts of dark chocolate adds extra calories, sugar, and fat to the diet. However, dark chocolate can be part of a healthy diet if consumed in moderation. I encourage you to give the benefits of dark chocolate to your sweet heart, and don’t forget to pick up some for yourself.

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**JANUARY MEETING**

**WHEN:** Tuesday 2/18/14

**WHERE:** HCN Social Services Building  
808 Red Iron Road Black River Falls, WI

**TIME:** 5 P.M. - 7 P.M.

**CONTACT:** Hera Lonetree-Rindahl/Facilitator  
(715) 284-9851 ext. 5012

### Nekoosa Women’s Group

**You are welcome to join us every first Tuesday of the month!**

**Join us Tuesday**

**WHEN:** Tuesday 2/7/2014

**WHERE:** HCN Community Center, Chakh Ha Chee Lane, Nekoosa, WI 54457

**TIME:** 5 P.M. - 7 P.M.

**CONTACT:** Melanie White (715) 851-1967

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**Who:** Children 0-19 years

**What:** Well-child exams, sick child visits, sport physicals, immunizations, etc.

**When:**

**La Crosse:** 1st Wednesdays – 10:00am-3:00pm  
Ni Tani Hocira/Three Rivers House  
724 Main Street. La Crosse, WI 54601

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N7240 U.S. Hwy 45, Wittenberg, WI

**Tomah:** 3rd Wednesdays – 10:00am-3:00pm  
Ahu co/Blue Wing Community Center  
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**Nekoosa:** 4th Thursdays – 10:00am-3:00pm  
Former Nekoosa Clinic  
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## Charity HAM BINGO MARY’S



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The Gerald L Ignace Indian Health Center, Inc. (GLIHC), Milwaukee's only American Indian health center is hosting a Hamburger Mary's Bingo Fundraiser.

**Place:** Hamburger Mary's

**Address:** 2130 S. Kinnickinnic Ave., Milwaukee, WI 53207

**Date:** February 20, 2014

**Time:** 7:30pm – 9:30pm.

This event is open to the public to learn about GLIHC and help raise funding to support community outreach to further its mission to improve the health, peace, and welfare of Milwaukee's urban Indian community.

Any questions?  
Contact Earl Blair (414)-383-9526 x154 or Eblair@gliihc.net

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# First Nations Community Financial welcomes new director

After a two year search, the First Nations Community Financial (FNCF) hired Forrest Funmaker as the new FNCF Director. Although Funmaker has a Master’s degree in Arts Education he obtained from Simon Fraser University in British Columbia, Canada back in 1998, he decided to go back to the University of Minnesota to complete a Business and Marketing Education (B.S.). He wanted to come back to the Ho-Chunk Nation and apply the knowledge he has gained for the benefit of the people. “I love my people and want all of us to succeed. This is a great opportunity.”

Funmaker states the educational journey he went on also helped him complete an Associate in Applied Science at Western Technical College in Supervisory Management in 2011. He started this program in 2006 with the Department of Labor. “Back then, the Nation had an initiative to get more Ho-Chunk people into leadership positions. It followed the TEN YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN,” he said, “that’s

why I wanted to get into management and business school.”

For now, Funmaker wants to thank the HCN Education Department for its innovative internship program. It helped Funmaker complete a ten week Internship program last summer with hands on experience at Ho-Chunk Gaming Wisconsin Dells. He says he worked closely with Marketing Director Beth Anacker and Promotions Manager, Rebecca Zitlow in different facets of Marketing with the Casino and Hotel. “Both of my mentors provided with me with great projects to undertake,” he continued, “I highly recommend the experience to every Ho-Chunk in post secondary education.”

During the end of the Internship, the FNCF Director position was still being offered. Funmaker sent in his resume and application and was granted an interview. “Man, I was really hyped about the interview. You have to tell yourself to relax.” Funmaker reiterates how hard it can be to get quality em-

ployment within the Nation and that this position is a chance of a life time.

“First Nations Community Financial had just started to get some legs when I was Executive Director of Education. We were looking into many of the same issues with Financial Literacy and how it could be applied to young people graduating from High School. Many people don’t have the money skills to handle large amounts of cash. We wanted to make sure those dollars were spent positively in the community,” Funmaker said.

The FNCF Board feels they picked a dynamic person to get the job done. The three main goals are to complete a five-year strategic plan that has already begun, receive 501(c)3 status as a Federal Non-Profit, and then roll out a series of loan products that will enhance becoming self sufficient with possible auto loans and home mortgages. Funmaker feels the experience on the current FNCF Board provides a great pool of experience. “They have offered to make this transition fun and



Forrest Funmaker, new FNCF Director.

exciting. That’s all we can ask for in the days to come.”

Funmaker is avid in community activities with his children and his soon to be wife, Roz Falcon. “The kids participate in all the major sports and we try to help them as much as possible,” he said.

# New propane loan provides comfort in cold weather

So far in the first 5 days First Nations Community Financial has processed 12 propane loans ranging from \$350.00-\$2,000.00. It seems word of mouth took over after the announcement went Nationwide via an email blast. “We are still looking for anyone who needs additional help during those cold days to make sure our elders and tribal members stay warm,” stated new FNCF Director, Forrest Funmaker,

“The application process is fairly quick once we receive verification of per capita availability from the Treasury Department and an invoice from the gas company we can get the check out the same day if not the following,” explained Francesca Bird, Financial Development Officer, who assisted with this loan product.

She felt strongly that it would meet the needs of the Nation during the recent cold snap. “One client said, ‘Thank you Thank You Thank You.....this loan came out right when I needed it most!’” she said.

To start the process, Tribal Members are encouraged to use the following steps. The Financial Development Officer must make an initial determination of eligibility. All requirements must be met before the Financial Development Officer can move forward with processing an application.

- Applicant preference will be given to Ho-Chunk Tribal Members Only.
- Have the legal capacity to incur a loan obligation.
- Must be a citizen of the United States or the State of Wisconsin.
- Must be 18 years of age.
- Must have per cap availability to repay the loan.

When a complete application is received, the Loan Financial Development Officer must make a preliminary determination of eligibility. As part of the preliminary determination the Financial Development Officer will verify per cap availability through the Ho-Chunk Nations Department of Treasury.

The initial screening will help the applicant and Financial Development Officer determine if the applicant is eligible for our loan.

The applicant will provide the following documentation;

- A copy of their Tribal I.D. or provide their tribal identification number.
- A verification of income (30 days of current pay stubs or per capita verification).
- Provide their current address.
- Provide a copy of their Social Security Card.
- Current contact information.

The Financial Development Officer will review all documentation for completeness. Once the eligibility has been determined and initial review has been completed, the Financial Development Officer

will notify the applicant by letter or personal contact that an initial determination has been made. If the applicant is ineligible for FNCF loan the Financial Development Officer will write a letter of denial. In this letter the applicant will be informed of the reason for denial. The applicant should provide a current working telephone number for immediate

notification. Tribal members have raved at how fast this process has been, usually the same day, with calls going out to gas companies that afternoon. Promissory letters are faxed to the company the moment verification is achieved.

# PROPANE ASSISTANCE LOAN



*With the extreme cold temperatures and rise in heating costs that this winter season has imposed upon us, we realize that it may be stressful when it becomes financially difficult to purchase propane gas to keep your family warm. Let us help! First Nations Community Financial has developed a Propane Assistance Loan to assist our community during this time.*

*Requirement for this loan:*

- Must be a Ho-Chunk Nation Tribal Member with available funds from per-capita in order to repay loan
- Loan proceeds will go directly to vendor
- \$2,000.00 Limit
- \$50.00 processing fee

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# Quackenbush finds faith and inspiration as soldier in the Salvation Army

Ken Luchterhand  
Staff Writer

Tena Quackenbush has realized that she wasn't the center of the world.

And that knowledge has turned her world around. Having a troubled past, she now enjoys the direction in her life provided by her faith in God and her work with the Salvation Army.

Tena was born in Burlington, Wisconsin, and then moved with her parents, Leo and Ardella, and sisters Ursula and Bernadette, and brothers William and Eric, to rural Black River Falls when she was a young child. Tena attended and graduated from Black River Falls High School in 1985.

Immediately after high school graduation, she joined and served in the U.S. Marine Corps. Inspiration for that move came from someone who served in the Marines for 10 years, plus the fact it was a challenge.

"I was told that I couldn't do it – that I wouldn't make it," Tena said. "But I set to prove them wrong. My middle name is 'tenacious.'"

During her four years in the service, Tena was involved with data processing at Camp Pendleton in San Diego and Quantico in Virginia.

After her service in the Marines, her brother, Eric, was killed in an automobile accident. His death had a big impact on her inner strength.

"I spun off onto the wrong road because my brother passed away," Tena said. "I was lost for 25 years.

She got involved with things she shouldn't, and it led her to make more bad decisions.

To make things worse, her husband died in 2011. She was living in Colorado

Springs and she described her life as "out of control."

"At that point, I was spiritually dead," she said.

But then, one day, she hit a wall, which made her sit up and realize that life was not all about her.

"It was July 4, 2012," she said. "I set that day as my 'Independence Day.' I knew that I needed to get on the right path."

To get onto that right path, Tena began going to a 12-step program called 'Celebrate Recovery' to help her cope with discontinuing her substance abuse. She also began attending church regularly so that her spiritual needs could be fulfilled.

"I was struggling for the first couple of days," she said. "But it helped me to know that God is orchestrating my life and that God has a plan for me."

The Celebrate Recovery meetings are held in the Salvation Army chapel in Colorado Springs.

"I saw the crest of the Salvation Army and said, 'This is where I want to be,'" Tena said. "I didn't pick it – it picked me. The doors opened for me."

Tena asked Captains Janet and Erik Wilkerson if she could become a soldier in the Salvation Army. She signed up that night.

Every Sunday she attended classes for eight weeks to be qualified as a soldier in the Salvation Army. After that, she graduated and was able to join the team at the shelter.

"The graduation ceremony was one of the biggest days of my life. I signed a covenant, with a list of doctrines, and made a vow with God that I will live a clean life. After that, my life took off like wildfire," she said.

"I love my life because of the Salvation Army. It has completely changed my life."

While working in the Salvation Army shelter, which is the only homeless shelter in Colorado Springs, Tena began to wonder about other possibilities.

"I asked Captain Erik if there was more to life than just being clean," she said. "That is when he told me I had the ability to develop aspects in my life that I felt important."

Out of that conversation, Tena gained the idea to conduct weekly Bible study sessions. Every Tuesday night, she led the Bible study sessions for the people staying in the shelter, plus anyone else who wanted to attend.

"I'm very proud of it," she said. "There were great divine, spiritual moments from the study. I saw such amazing miracles happen. I miss that the most."

Living in Colorado Springs, Tena soon realized that she had been away from her parents, who live near Black River Falls, for far too long. She arranged for a week to travel back to Wisconsin to visit her family. But it didn't work out like she had planned.

"I came back home for a week – and never left," she said.

When she saw her father and mother again, she suddenly realized how many years had passed since she last saw them. She wanted to reconnect with them and perhaps stay for a while to help them while in their golden years.

"I took a trip back to Colorado Springs and got my cats, and then later I went back and got everything," she said. She returned to Wisconsin with a U-Haul full of her personal possessions.



Tena Quackenbush has found her calling in life. She enjoys her duties as a soldier in the Salvation Army.

Tena has made a connection with the La Crosse Salvation Army, where she is part of the Praise and Worship team every Sunday. She also teaches Sunday School every Sunday, but is currently on hiatus until March because the winter weather can be unpredictable and the role of teacher must be consistent.

She's also part of the Emergency Disaster Team (EDT) and part of the Safe From Harm program. The Salvation Army's Safe From Harm program is a safety program that is geared to protect children, vulnerable adults.

"I do it because it is God's will. Besides, it is keeping me sober," Tena said. "I discov-

ered that my life isn't about me – it's to serve Him."

People enlisted in the Salvation Army are designated by rank, just like ranking in the U.S. Army. Tena currently has the rank of "soldier," but her goal is to someday achieve higher ranking as an officer.

"In the past, my life has always been about me. Then one day I woke up and realized that it isn't. I called my girlfriend, sobbing, and told her I learned that life is not about me. It's about helping others. My being here is a reflection of Him. It's not by chance that I'm here.

"Everything is orchestrated by Him."

**Do you enjoy working with children? Are you interested in staying home and providing a safe, nurturing environment for children in need of childcare?**

**For tribal members or those living on tribal lands interested in becoming a certified childcare provider in your community, we can help you!**



**For more information contact:**

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## New Year, New Opportunities, New Friends!

Parents or guardians welcome at our first informational meeting (Feb. 17):

Permission slips for sledding and transportation releases must be signed and returned by February 22.

**Planned events:**

- Meeting 1) Saturday, February 22.
- Meet at HOW at 10am for breakfast.
- SLEDDING! (Sleds will be provided).
- Return to HOW for lunch, pickup at 1pm.
- Meeting 2) Spa day! Date and time TBD;

We will decide as a group what days and times work best with everyone's schedule for future meetings.

Are you a Ho-Chunk girl between the ages of 14-18? Do you want to make new friends and have fun?

**Come have a say in what YOU want from YOUR group!**

**INFORMATIONAL MEETING:**

**Day: Monday, February 17, 2014** (rescheduled from January 27 due to extreme cold).

**Time: 4:00-6:00 pm**

**Where: Ho-Chunk House of Wellness (HOW)**  
52845 WhiteEagle Road  
Baraboo, WI 53913  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor across from Alberta Day Room

**Transportation is available! Meals will be provided and teens will leave with a gift!**

**Sponsored by the Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Behavioral Health**

**For more information or to request a ride, call Kim: (608) 355-1240 extension 5508**



# New ATM makes appearance in Tribal Office Building

Ken Luchterhand  
Staff Writer

A cooperative effort across Ho-Chunk Nation government departments has made a request for an Automated Teller Machine (ATM) a reality.

On Friday, January 31, the ATM was activated in the atrium, near the front desk, of the Tribal Office Building.

Departments involved in the acquisition were the Business Department, the Treasury Department, the Administration Department and the Office of the President. The primary forces within the Administration Department were the Security and Information Technology (IT) departments.

“It was discussed for over 12 months,” said Scott Marecek of the Ho-Chunk Nation Business Department. “A number of pieces had to fall into place.”

Ditronics is the company responsible for installing the ATM and getting it functioning. The Nation has been working with Ditronics since

2009 and is the company responsible for all the ATMs in all Ho-Chunk casinos.

The Treasury Department is working with Brinks for cash replenishment, which involves changing the money cassettes. Lori Meinking and Sandra Gleason are the people in Treasury responsible for obtaining and scheduling the cash replacement services for the ATM. Treasury also will oversee the ATM settlement account and conduct reconciliations on the ATM.

“The ATM will benefit the employees who work here and the tribal members,” Marecek said. “It also will help the vendors in the atrium, plus for any food sales and fundraisers.”

The Administration Department is providing the physical space and electricity, plus Security is monitoring the machine and performing any first-line maintenance, such as blowing out the paper dust, reloading receipt paper, clearing any paper jams. Security

personnel had to complete training for the specifics of operation. The primary person responsible in the Administration Department for developing the parameter to get the ATM has been Mike Rave.

The Office of the President provided support for the project, plus enabled all the departments to get together for a cooperative effort.

To organize the project, a Method of Operation (MOU) was developed to define the responsibilities and service levels.

Ditronics provided the machine and service at no cost, which also translates into no fees will be charged to customers for use of the machine. However, each customer must have money in a bank and a bank-issued card in order to use the ATM. Those banks may charge their customers for using an ATM that is not theirs, therefore each user should check with their banks for fees prior to its use.

Since it has been installed at



Ronald Camp of Ditronics gets the new ATM in the atrium of the Tribal Office Building up and running.

the Tribal Office Building, it has received considerable use. “I’ve only heard positive comments,” Marecek said.

# HCN Child Support Agency

*How this Agency may affect you as a Tribal member or employee and what you need to know*

Submitted by Roxanne Mudd ,  
Child Support Specialist, HCN CSA

The Ho-Chunk Nation Child Support Agency (HCN CSA) is looking forward to serving the Nation’s members and employees by ensuring that their children’s basic needs are being met. Many questions will arise as to how this new Agency will affect you as an employee or tribal member. This second article in the Child Support series will give you a quick overview of the HCN CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT (CSE) CODE, 4 HCC § 7 in regards to:

- Jurisdiction;
- Registration of Foreign Orders;
- Income Withholding Orders; and
- Per capita withholding.

**Jurisdiction**

Jurisdiction is simply the authority the HCN Court system has to hear and determine particular cases. This authority typically comes from law and/or opinions issued in cases. In the realm of child support and paternity, the HCN CSE CODE, 4 HCC § 7.6(a) (i-v) states who the HCN Trial Court has authority over. This includes, perhaps most obviously, parents and children who are Ho-Chunk Nation members/eligible members. However, the jurisdictional reach goes beyond tribal members/eligible members to encompass a non-tribal member who is the biological parent, adoptive parent, or an individual who resides on Nation lands with a child who is a tribal member/eligible member. Additionally, 4 HCC §7.6(a)(v) states the HCN Trial Court has limited authority over individuals employed by the Nation for the sole purpose of recognizing and enforcing Income Withholding Orders (IWOs) of other court systems.

**Full Faith and Credit for Foreign Child Support Orders:**

Pursuant to 4 HCC 7.8(a), the HCN Trial Court shall have jurisdiction to recognize and enforce foreign orders, judgments, and decrees pertaining to child support under principles of full faith and credit. Properly issued child

support orders, income withholding orders, judgments or decrees of other Indian tribes, tribal organizations, and states, that relate to child support shall be recognized and enforced in accordance with the requirements under Full Faith and Credit for Child Support Orders Act, 28 U.S.C. § 1738B and section 36 of the HCN CSE Code. Basically, what this is saying is that the HCN Trial Court will enforce other court orders from other issuing tribes or states once a foreign order is authenticated by reasonable proof.

Once this Agency opens, any person, tribe, state or foreign jurisdiction that wishes to enforce a Child Support Order against per capita payments, wages, compensation, or other payments for the Nation, MUST apply through the HCN CSA and then this Agency will file a Petition to Register a Foreign Judgment or Order for Child Support with the HCN Trial Court along with an Order (Registration of a Foreign Judgment or Order for Child Support) to begin the recognition process. For further information on the full court process and timelines, please see 4 HCC 7.36.

**Income Withholding Orders:** Initially, an individual has the choice on how they wish to make payments. An individual can choose to voluntarily make payments out of wages, through per capita distributions or request that an IWO be issued and enforced with the person’s employer and/or Tribe on their behalf. It should be noted however, that the Agency is required to issue and enforce an IWO if an individual becomes more than 30 days behind in their child support payments.

**Voluntary:** a tribal member or Nation **employee** can fill out a Voluntary Wage Assignment form, which can be picked up at the HCN Dept. of Treasury, or you can always go on-line to [www.ho-chunknation.com](http://www.ho-chunknation.com) and go under Government> Executive Depts.> Treasury >Payroll Dept. > Payroll forms, to print if off. Then you can submit to Treasury to have child support taken out of your wages. If you

are already doing this, no changes will be made unless the proper amounts are not being taken out.

**Involuntary:** This Agency shall use the child support order to generate an IWO with the use of the Federal income withholding form that will designate the amount withheld and the frequency of the withholding. The Order will also be required to inform the employer how long to continue to remit the amount withheld until further notice by the Nation and a statement that the employer/income withholder shall notify the Nation promptly when the paying party terminates employment or income status and provide the paying party’s last known address and the name and address of the paying party’s new employer, if known. Default Child support orders can be entered, please refer to 4 HCC§ 7.33 (a) (i-iv) for further information.

**Per Capita:**

The current policy regarding the maximum withholding of per capita for child support payments remains unchanged. A maximum withholding of sixty percent (60%) of the payer’s tribal per capita may be withheld. Only current support and current support arrears are permitted to be garnished from the per capita payments. *(This is different than a debt to the Nation, in regards to Reimbursement for Care, which is more commonly seen in Trial court Children and Family Services (CFS) cases. In those instances, the whole per capita can be garnished provided it would not prevent reunification efforts.)*

In our next article, Case Transfers, Modifications and the differences between State and Tribal Child Support Agencies.

Labor Department Board of Directors

SEEKING APPLICANTS

Labor Board consists of 5 members with a minimum quarterly meeting

Resume Submission Deadline Has Been Extended To March 1<sup>st</sup>

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# Special Event at the Chazen Museum for Native American Art

Fiona Fay  
Staff Writer

On Thursday, February 6, 2014 the Chazen Museum of Art in Madison hosted their first event. The event is for the museums third exhibition groundbreaking series Changing Hands 3. The Changing Hands 3 presents works created in the past seven years by Native artist in many regions such as the Great Lakes, Woodlands, Northeast, and Southeast all the way up to the Canadian land.

The event started off with a reception with a native ceremonial opening by The Wisconsin Dells Singers and Dance Troop. Elliott Funmaker announced the open ceremony along with the local Native American dancers. The audience had

the honor to see Men's Fancy and Women's Northern Traditional dancing.

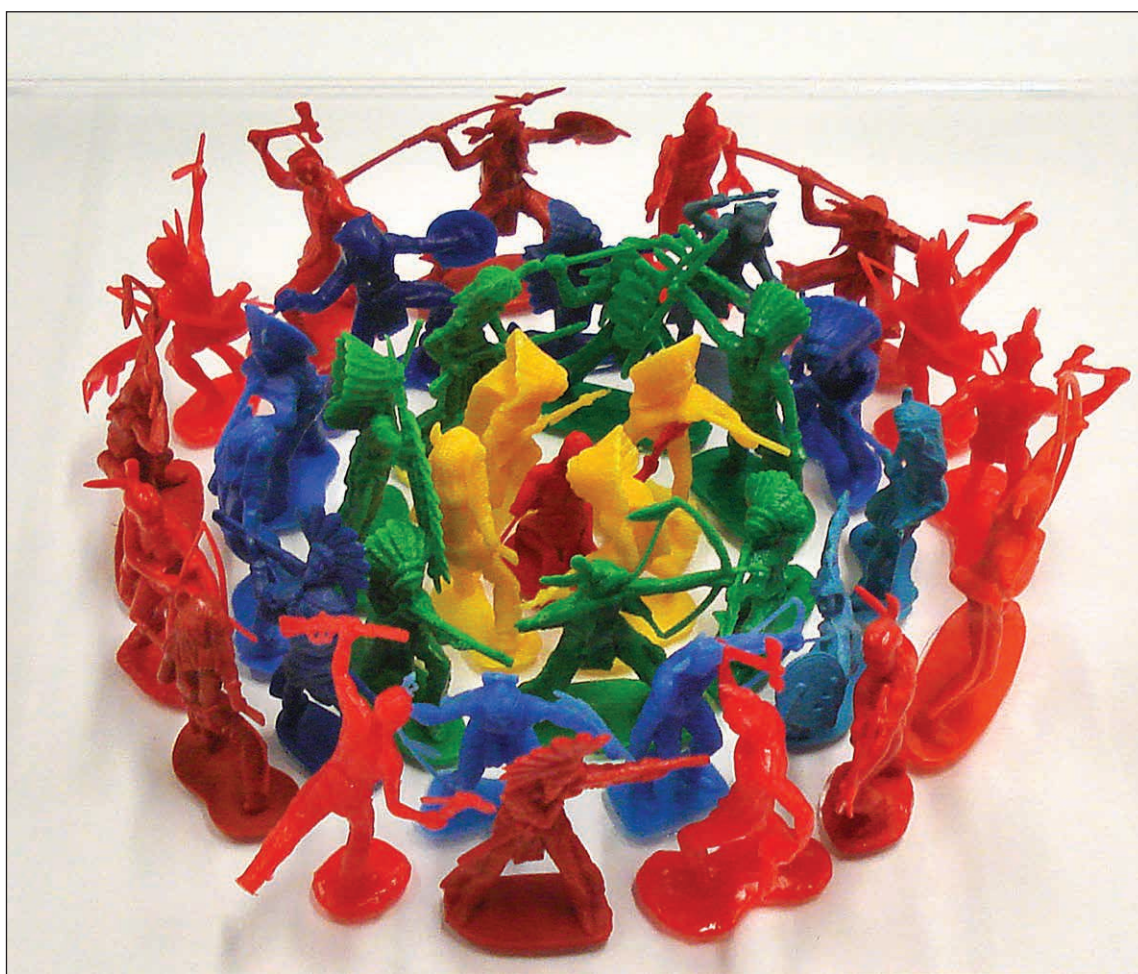
Also, the audience received details and the meaning of the dancers' outfits by Elliott Funmaker who said "What these dancers are wearing aren't costumes like you would wear during Halloween, they are outfits that were made and worn for a reason".

Following the open ceremony, live music was played by Wunk Sheek, a UW-Madison student group while guests had the chance to look at the art work made from many Native American artists.

The Chazen Museum held many unique art works from many Native American artists such as Tom Jones, a Ho-Chunk artist who creates art that challenges long standing assumptions of the Native people.

The Chazen Museum organized the Changing Hands 3 in three themes that illuminate intellectual and cultural among the Native artists. The three themes are Evolution and Exploration, which examines how Native artists are reinterpreting their cultural traditions through contemporary perspectives.

The Evolution and Exploration holds a few art works from the following, Joe Baker, a scholar and beadwork artist; performance and mixed media artist Barry Ace; Jeremy Frey, whose innovative



"Firepit" – Tom Jones

sculptural baskets; and Jamie Zane Smith, who developed an new language of ceramics through the study of prehistoric and proto-historic forms among the Wyandot tribe.

Natural Selection features a group of many artists whose works respond to and investigates nature through the lends of contemporary art.

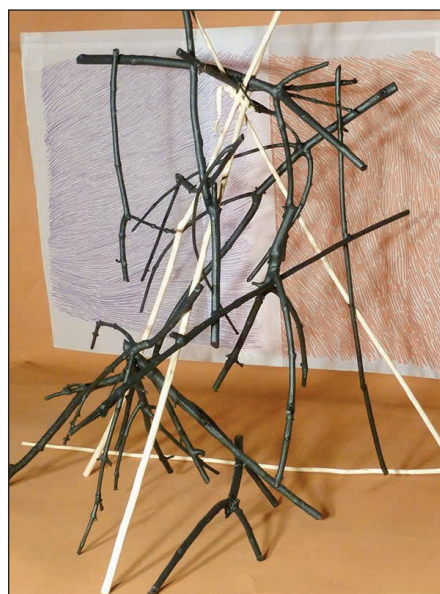
The Natural Selection includes artist, Ho-Chunk sculptor, Truman Lowe whose openwork sculptures are

created from willow branches; Robert Tannahill, a acclaimed sculptor and glass artist and Frank Shebegaget whose major art "Cell" creates both a visceral and emotional impact by using hundreds of fine strands of fishing wire interspersed with hooks.

De-Coding History/ Historical Provocation presents works that are often politically nuanced and contrast the realities of history. The De-Coding History/ Historical

Provocation holds a few more artists such as Roberts Houle; mixed media artist, Shan Goshon, and performance and installation artist Kent Monkman.

Changing Hands 3 provides all audience with a sensory of the work of the Native artists. With all the creative art, the audience is given a chance to have a look on how Native American art was in the past and also see how Native American art is today.



"Mythography I, 2012" – TRUMAN LOWE. Mixed media, including wood, gesso

Courtesy of the artist

## Ho-Chunk Nation donates to the Wittenberg Food Pantry

Ken Luchterhand  
Staff Writer

A donation of \$1,500 to the Wittenberg Food Pantry will go a long way in helping the people of the Wittenberg and Birnamwood areas.

That's the sentiment given by Tammy Meverden and Jenny Onesti, founders and directors of the food pantry.

They showed their appreciation of the gift when it was presented to them on Monday, February 10 by Ho-Chunk Nation Vice President Heather Cloud and District III Rep. Darren Brinegar.

"We are proud to donate to these two organizations with proven records of helping community members in need," said Ho-Chunk Nation Vice President Heather Cloud. "In times like these, it is important to remember our friends and neighbors who need assistance."

The Wittenberg Food Pantry was started by the two women in 2008 to meet the needs of the people in the area. At that time, it was housed in the Wittenberg Community Center, which required them to keep the food stored in outside trailers.

"We did a lot of loading and unloading, which was a lot of work," Onesti said.

They started looking for another place that would allow the food to remain onsite. Then one day the Homme Home for Aging offered their former administrative office to them. They moved to the facility in March 2012 and have been there since.

"We serve anywhere from 200 to 215 people," Meverden said. "All the food comes through donations of food or money from individuals or community organizations."

Since 2008, the demand for food has increased, she said. Food is given to needy families every third Wednesday of the month.

"We have a great staff of volunteers," Onesti said. "We have many retired individuals helping out during the day, and then the younger volunteers come to help after school. They seem to enjoy it."

Brinegar said the donation from the



District III Rep. Darren Brinegar and Vice President Heather Cloud of the Ho-Chunk Nation present a \$1,500 check to Jenny Onesti and Tammy Meverden on behalf of the Wittenberg Food Pantry.

Ho-Chunk Nation came as a result of a request at an Area Meeting to donate to area food pantries.

"The Ho-Chunk Nation takes our role as a member of the Shawano

County community very seriously," said District III Rep. Darren Brinegar. "Our commitment to the county and its residents will continue into the future."



HO-CHUNK NATION  
LEGISLATIVE MEETING  
REGULAR MEETING  
EXECUTIVE OFFICES  
JANUARY 21, 2014

**CALL TO ORDER:** President Jon Greendeer call the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

**ROLL CALL:**  
President Jon Greendeer (P)  
VP Heather Cloud (P-10:03 a.m.)  
Rep. Greg Blackdeer (P)  
Rep. Susan Waukon (P)  
Rep. Lori Pettibone (P)  
Rep. Andrea Estebo (P)  
Rep. David Greendeer (P)  
Rep. Henning Garvin (P)  
Rep. Darren Brinegar (P-10:03 a.m.)  
Rep. Shelby Visintin (P)  
Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit (P)  
Rep. Matt Mullen (P)  
Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit (P)  
Rep. Robert TwoBears (P)

**DETERMINATION OF QUORUM:** Quorum is established.

**OPENING PRAYER:**  
Maąnaksųcjewiga offered a word of prayer.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**  
**MOTION** by Rep. Andrea Estebo to approve the agenda as amended. Second by Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit. **13-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**  
New Business, Item F. Healing Center, move up to First Order of Business.  
Unfinished Business, Item D. Healing to Wellness Code, table until next session February 4, 2014.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**  
**MOTION** by Rep. Henning Garvin to ratify the January 8, 2014 Legislative Meeting Minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit. **13-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**

**Healing Center – Roberta Decorah**  
Roberta Decorah gave the legislators an update on the Healing Center and what the Kii je Nagu Workgroup envisioned. Roberta asks to implement a 10% drink tax on alcoholic beverages at all Ho-Chunk Gaming Facilities to assist with the costs associated with the Healing Center.  
There will be an RFP going out very shortly or is already out and will give about a month for review.  
Rep. Susan Waukon leaves at 10:14 a.m.  
Rep Susan Waukon returns at 10:17 a.m.  
**MOTION** by Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit to have Office of the President direct Business Department conduct a study on implementing a *liquor tax* in all Gaming facilities and provide Legislature a “Tiered Analysis” with different amounts in three (3) months (April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2014). **13-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**  
**Administration Committee Correction – December 5, 2014**  
**MOTION** by Rep. Henning Garvin to ratify the December 5, 2014 Administration Committee Minutes. Second by Rep. David Greendeer. **13-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**

**Administration Committee – January 9, 2014**  
**MOTION** by Rep. David Greendeer to ratify the January 9, 2014 Administration Committee Minutes. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. **13-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**

**PRESENTATION:** Will move on with the agenda until 10:45 a.m.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**  
**Lynwood (standing agenda item) – VP Heather Cloud**  
No updates from the Legislative Branch, Business Department has some updates in regards to Lynwood. No representation.

**Economic Diversification (standing agenda item) – Rep. David Greendeer**  
Rep. David Greendeer briefly discussed Tim Nguyen will help us with developing a communications in our procedure for selection of Ad-hoc. Legislature will meet with Tim Nguyen on Wednesday, February 5, 2014 and Thursday, February 6, 2014 in Wisconsin Dells. Administration Committee will be rescheduled for Friday, February 7, 2014.

**MOTION** by Rep. Shelby Visintin to have Economic Development Ad Hoc Committee trained February 5 & 6, 2014 at Wisconsin Dells, WI. Second by Rep. Lori Pettibone. **12-0-1 (Rep. David Greendeer) MOTION CARRIED.**

**Legislative Organization Act – Rep. Susan Waukon**  
**MOTION** by Rep. Susan Waukon to table the Legislative Organization Act until this afternoon. Second by Rep. Lori Pettibone. **13-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**

Rep. Darren Brinegar leaves at 10:43 a.m.

**NEW BUSINESS:**  
**Resolution for Special Revenue Account for the Elk Restoration Project – Karen Karash**  
The request is for funding in support of the Elk Restoration Project; \$50,000 will be transferred from the Department of Heritage Preservation Language Division budget and put into the Special Revenue account for the Elk Preservation project.  
**MOTION** by Rep. Susan Waukon to adopt Resolution 01-21-14A Creating a Special Revenue Account for the Elk Restoration Project. Second by Rep. David Greendeer. **12-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.** (Rep. Darren Brinegar out of the room)

**PRESENTATION:**  
**MOTION** by Rep. Henning Garvin to go into Executive Session at 10:44 a.m. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. **12-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.** (Rep. Darren Brinegar is out of the room)  
Rep. Greg Blackdeer leaves at 10:44 a.m.  
VP Heather Cloud leaves at 10:44 a.m.  
Rep. Darren Brinegar returns at 10:45 a.m.  
Rep. Greg Blackdeer returns at 10:45 a.m.  
VP Heather Cloud returns at 10:47 a.m.  
Rep. Lori Pettibone leaves at 11:15 a.m.  
Rep. Lori Pettibone returns at 11: 18 a.m.  
Rep. Susan Waukon leaves at 11:53 a.m.  
Rep. Susan Waukon returns at 11:55 a.m.  
**MOTION** by Rep. David Greendeer to move out of Executive Session at 11:55 a.m. and back into Open Session. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. **13-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**

**NO ACTION TAKEN IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.**  
**MOTION** by Rep. Susan Waukon to move X.E. Per Capita and Children’s Trust Fund up on the agenda as next agenda item of discussion also move X. H. Ethics Review Board Ordinance Amendment as the following agenda item. Second by Rep. Darren Brinegar. **13-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**

Rep. Darren Brinegar leaves at 12:07 p.m.  
Rep. Darren Brinegar returns at 12:10 p.m.

**Per Capita and Children’s Trust Fund (CTF) – Rep. Susan Waukon**  
The CTF task force prepared a draft for the Per Capita Distribution Ordinance that will be placed out for 90 days public comment period, to allow Ho-Chunk tribal members to review the proposed amendments. This will begin from the date of posting to the Nation’s Website.  
**MOTION** by VP Heather Cloud to adopt Resolution 01-21-14B Placing Ho-Chunk Nation Per Capita Distribution Ordinance Out for Ninety Day Public Comment, with the following additions to the resolution: adding language in a WHEREAS clause indicating the Legislature finds it necessary and critical to keep tribal membership and parents updated about any proposed changes, while making the proposed amendments fully accessible for review, and stressing the notice should go out to all membership regarding such amendments by mailing, tribal newspaper, and/or electronic media during the comment period; and further that such requirements be added to the resolution in a NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED provision. Second by Rep. Shelby Visintin. **13-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Henning Garvin to authorize the expense for publishing Children’s Trust Fund Survey in the Hocak Worak to add a special insert and authorize postage for the mailing on the proposed amendments to all tribal members. Second by Rep. Lori Pettibone. **13-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by VP Heather Cloud for the public forums to be scheduled and held by the sponsors of the per cap distribution ordinance amendment. Second by Rep. Lori Pettibone. **13-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by VP Heather Cloud to recess for lunch at 12:20 p.m. reconvene at 1:15 p.m. Second by Rep. Darren Brinegar. **13-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**

**CALL TO ORDER:** President Jon

Greendeer reconvened the meeting at 1:20 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:**  
President Jon Greendeer (P)  
Vice President Heather Cloud (P)  
Rep. Greg Blackdeer (P)  
Rep. Susan Waukon (1:20 p.m.)  
Rep. Lori Pettibone (P)  
Rep. Andrea Estebo (P)  
Rep. David Greendeer (1:20 p.m.)  
Rep. Henning Garvin (1:20 p.m.)  
Rep. Darren Brinegar (P)  
Rep. Shelby Visintin (P)  
Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit (1:20 p.m.)  
Rep. Matt Mullen (P)  
Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit (1:20 p.m.)  
Rep. Robert TwoBears (1:20 p.m.)

**DETERMINATION OF QUORUM:** Quorum is established.

**NEW BUSINESS continued.**  
**Ethics Review Board Amendments – Hattie Walker/ David Radtke**  
The Ethics Review Board reorganized the Code of Ethics Act Section 12 for tribal members to understand the step by step process how to file a complaint  
**MOTION** by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to adopt Resolution 01-21-14C, Quick Passage Amendments of Code of Ethics Act. Second by Rep. VP Heather Cloud. **8-3(Reps. Susan Waukon, Henning Garvin, Andrea Estebo)-2(Reps. Shelby Visintin, Greg Blackdeer) MOTION DENIED**

Hattie expresses there are no changes to the amendment it was reformatted so it’s in the right sequence and easier to read.

**Quick Passage Amendment need 2/3 Vote.**  
**MOTION** by Rep. Henning Garvin for Legislative Counsel Draft a Resolution for Ethics Review Board Amendment to place out for 45 day Public comment period and place at the end of the agenda. Second by Rep. Susan Waukon. **11-2(Rep. Darren Brinegar, VP Heather Cloud)-0. MOTION CARRIED.**

**Wittenberg Well Project – Carol Rollins**  
Carol Rollins discusses when the Casino in Wittenberg was built the Ho-Chunk Nation negotiated agreements with the city of Wittenberg for water and sewer services. We constructed all the sewer and water main and paid the city approximately \$1.9 million the Nation agreed to pay half of the construction of a new well and location since the city of Wittenberg needed a new well and Wittenberg agreed to pay for the engineering of that well and half of the construction. The Nation paid half of the construction and location \$630,000 we did was a compact deduct for the amount that was appropriation for the other work.  
Letter from Wittenberg states that they went over on the engineering cost and under the agreement we aren’t responsible asking if we could appropriate our money left over from the construction to defray some of the engineering cost in the amount \$46,209.00 asking for engineering cost and if the remainder funds can be used for the Washington park project. This would be the whole amount \$76, 209.00.

Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit states that if we don’t have to decide today if we could get legal intervention and come back with a definitive response whether it qualifies under public works improvements that are in line with our compact language.

**MOTION** by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to table the Village of Wittenberg Well Project funding request until the next Legislative Session, in order to allow Legislative Counsel to draft an appropriate resolution that re-characterizes the funds used for Compact Credit purposes to meet the uses allowed for public works projects. Second by VP Heather Cloud. **13-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**

**Tribal Transportation Program Road Maintenance Contract Resolution – Brett Blackdeer**  
Resolution if for a Contract between the Ho-Chunk Nation and Bureau of Indian Affairs for Department of Interior (DOI) for road maintenance funds on BIA and Tribally owned roads.

**MOTION** by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to adopt Resolution 1-21-14D Tribal

Transportation Program Road Maintenance Contract. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. **13-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**

**Resolution Granting a Construction Easement for the House of Wellness Project – Brett Blackdeer**  
The Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature grants a perpetual easement approval for improving the House of Wellness public roads and parking lot.  
**MOTION** by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to adopt Resolution 01-21-14E, adopting of the Bureau of Indian Affairs Resolution Granting a Construction Easement for the House of Wellness Project. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. **13-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**

**Resolution Confirmation of Executive Director of Labor – Mike Murphy**  
To confirm Tina Boisen to the position of Executive Director of the Department of Labor pending approved background check provided by the Ho-Chunk Nations Compliance Division.  
**MOTION** by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree Whiterabbit to adopt Resolution 01-21-14F Confirmation of Tina Boisen to the Position of Executive Director of the Department of Labor. Second by Rep. Henning Garvin. **11-1(Rep. Darren Brinegar)-1(Rep. Lori Pettibone) MOTION CARRIED.**

**Ethics Review Board Appointment – Rep. Lori Pettibone**  
**MOTION** by Rep. Darren Brinegar to table the Ethics Review Board Appointment. Second by Rep. Henning Garvin. **13-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**

**DISTRICT MEETINGS:**  
**District 1 - Black River Falls Area Meeting:** No motions made  
**District 2 - La Crosse Area Meeting:**  
**MOTION** by Rep. Henning Garvin to refer to Office of the President Motion by Tracy Littlejohn to hold the 2014 General Council in the Wisconsin Dells Chula Vista Resort. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. **13-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Henning Garvin to refer to the General Council Agency motion made by Dave Hanson for the GCA to work on a voting machine policy. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. **13-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Henning Garvin to refer to the Office of the President Motion by Dave Hanson that the HCN DNR put shooting lanes at the Rockland Property. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. **13-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Henning Garvin to refer to the Office of the President Motion by Mike Sallaway that the HCN Veteran Affairs contact all known HC Veterans for input on how to manage the initial first \$2 million of the Veteran HOP Funds. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. **13-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**

**District 2 - Madison Area Meeting:**  
**Read for the record:** Motion by Marlys Whiteagle to have a quarterly Per Capita distribution payments be given at age 18 to all adults regardless of graduation from high school.

**Read for the record:** Motion by Wilma Thompson, second by Marlys Whiteagle for Madison area meeting cutoff for payout be changed from 7:00 pm to 6:30pm.

**District 2 - Baraboo Area Meeting:**  
**Read for the record:** Motion by JoAnn Jones to support Tina Boisen as the Director of Labor.

**MOTION** by Rep. David Greendeer to refer to Office of the President, Motion made by Jason Rave that the Department of Labor designate a DOL 477 caseworker at HCG Wisconsin Dells on a weekly basis. Second by Rep. Henning Garvin. **13-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by Rep. David Greendeer to refer to the General Council Agency, Motion made by JoAnn Jones that the 2014 General Council be held at the Chula Vista Resort. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. **13-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by Rep. David Greendeer to refer to the General Council Agency, Motion by Patrick Day that only eligible voters be allowed attend General Council. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. **12-1(VP Heather Cloud)-0 MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by Rep. David Greendeer to refer to the General Council Agency, Motion made by Robert Funmaker that GCA no longer provide transportation to General Council. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. **13-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**

**Read for the Record:** MOTION by JoAnn Jones to nominate Joe Decorah as the LEC Commissioner for Sauk County. Second by Kim Crowley.

**Read for the Record:** MOTION by Robert Mobley to close nominations for the Sauk County LEC Commissioner.

**MOTION** by Rep. David Greendeer to do a back ground investigation and to accept Joe Decorah as the Sauk County LEC Commissioner. Second by Rep. Henning Garvin. 12-0-1(VP Heather Cloud) **MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by Rep. David Greendeer to refer to the Office of the President, Motion by Roberta Funmaker to create a relationship with Sauk County Transportation to provide shuttle service from Baraboo and the surrounding communities to HCG Wisconsin Dells from the hours of 6:00-8:30 am and 4:00-6:30 pm and to pursue grant funding to assist with the costs. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. **13-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by Rep. David Greendeer to refer to the Office of the President and HHCDa, Motion by Robert Funmaker to remove Terrance Johnson as the HHCDa Board Representative due to lack of representation. Second by Rep. Henning Garvin. **13-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**

**Read for the record:**  
As Baraboo and the Wisconsin Dells area becomes more diverse, the Ho - Chunk Nation must be tailored to each market segment. With this in mind, the Nation’s focus could turn to developing entrepreneurs, established businesses, marketing specialists, economic development organizations. However, before any decision are made on by the Nation the Nation needs tribal member input as they are the true voices of the community and can identify needs and help establish the development of a shared vision for the community. The purpose of the forum is to create the starting point for a longer strategic planning process for a comprehensive statistical overview and future development of the D2 Baraboo area. The forum will be held on Monday February 17th from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

**MOTION** by Rep. David Greendeer to refer to the Office of the President, Motion by Estelle Whitewing to not close Ho-Chunk Bingo ever. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. 12-0-1(VP Heather Cloud) **MOTION CARRIED.**

**District 3 - Wittenberg Area Meeting:**  
**MOTION** by VP Heather Cloud to refer to the Office of the President, Motion by Georgianna Funmaker to extend Northland Construction’s timeline to put in the windows and rebid the materials for Greg Johnson’s house, by sixty days. Second Rep. Darren Brinegar. 11-0-1(Rep. Shelby Visintin. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by VP Heather Cloud to refer to the Office of the President, Motion by Jamie Funmaker to have the C-store renovations completed. Second by Rep. Darren Brinegar. 12-0-1(Rep. Shelby Visintin. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Rep. Andrea Estebo leaves at 2:06 p.m.

**MOTION** by VP Heather Cloud to refer to the Office of the President, Motion by Georgianna Funmaker to have Brian Decorah, Kelly Jo Funmaker, and Wayne Malone to attend the February area meeting to discuss the C-store. Second by Rep. Darren Brinegar. 11-0-1(Rep. Shelby Visintin) **MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by VP Heather Cloud to refer to Finance, Motion by Gloria Visintin for the Ho-Chunk Nation to cover the cost of Erica White Eagle’s trip for the Wisconsin Ambassadors of Music, once there is a budget. Second by Rep. Darren Brinegar. 11-0-2(Reps. Andrea Estebo, Shelby Visintin) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Rep. Andrea Estebo returns at 2:08 p.m.

**MOTION** by VP Heather Cloud to refer to the Office of the President, Motion by Gloria Visintin to refer



Shelby Decorah’s housing issue to the Office of the President. Second by Rep. Darren Brinegar. 12-0-1(Rep. Shelby Visintin) **MOTION CARRIED.**  
**District 3 - Green Bay Area Meeting:**  
No Motions.  
**District 3 - Nekoosa Area Meeting:**  
**MOTION** by VP Heather Cloud to accept Dodie Topping as the Election Board alternate. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. **11-0-2(Reps. Shelby Visintin, Darren Brinegar) MOTION CARRIED.**  
**Wisconsin Dells Area Meeting**  
**MOTION** by VP Heather Cloud to refer to the Office of the President and Legislative Counsel, Motion by Marion Miner for Legislature to rescind the resolution appointing Brian Decorah as the Executive Director of Business. Second by Rep. Darren Brinegar. **13-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**  
**MOTION** by VP Heather Cloud to refer to the Office of the President, Motion by Renea Perez to expand the Ho-Chunk Gaming Wisconsin Dells convention center to a 3,000 capacity per ballroom. Second by Rep. Darren Brinegar. **13-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**  
**District 4 - Milwaukee Area Meeting:**  
**MOTION** by Rep. Shelby Visintin to refer to the Legislative Chief Clerk Motion by Jeanine Heffner to put the Legislative Minutes in the Worak and keep them in there. Second by Rep. Darren Brinegar. **13-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**  
**MOTION** by Rep. Shelby Visintin to refer to the Housing Committee for February Motion by Milly Whiteagle-Lee regarding Resolution 5.20.13O, to keep Housing rent in its own restricted interest bearing accounts for each District so the Housing is self-sustaining with potential to purchase more housing/ rental properties in the future. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. **13-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**  
**MOTION** by Rep. Shelby Visintin to refer to the Office of the President Motion by Teala Edwards to have Enrollment Division come down to do tribal identification cards a month before General Council in September. Second by Rep. Darren Brinegar. **13-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**  
**MOTION** by Rep. Shelby Visintin to refer to Legislative Counsel, Motion by Hazel Guerrero to move executive session to the way it was, dealing only with Personnel issues. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. **12-1(Rep. Robert TwoBears)-0 MOTION CARRIED.**  
**District 5 - Chicago Area Meeting**  
**MOTION** by Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit to refer to the Lynwood Task Force, Motion by Mary Mullen to direct the Ho Chunk Legislature to move forward with their motion to rent the Lynwood Property in Illinois. Also in the mean time not sell the Lynwood property in Illinois at this time under current unfavorable market conditions. Second by Robert TwoBears. **13-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**  
**MOTION** by Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit to refer to the Land Development Team, Motion by Kent Kirkwood to pursue the purchase of the 4738 North Milwaukee Avenue property in Chicago, Ill for a new branch office and to express that we are not interested what so-ever in the current Irving Park Avenue location. Second by Rep. Robert TwoBears. **13-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**  
**MOTION** by Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit to refer the first portion regarding the cost analysis to the Legislative Financial Examiner, Second Portion regarding the Gaming devices will comport with our Compact to Legislative Counsel, Motion by Kent Kirkwood to direct the Ho Chunk Nation Legislature to commission an independent feasibility study including a cost analysis to see if it would be profitable to put gaming Class II and/or III devices in all “C” Stores of the Ho Chunk Nation. And also what would be the payback time to recoup our investment and how would that comport with our gaming compact with the State of Wisconsin. Second by Rep. Matt Mullen. **13-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**  
**Read for the record:** Motion by Kent Kirkwood to nominate

Mary Mullen for the position of Area 5 delegate on the Ho Chunk Enrollment Committee. Second by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit.  
**MOTION** by Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit to refer to the Office of the President, Motion by Kent Kirkwood to elect Mary Mullen for the position of Area 5 delegate on the Ho Chunk Enrollment Committee. Second by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit. **12-0-1(Rep. Matt Mullen) MOTION CARRIED.**  
**Minneapolis/St. Paul Area Meeting**  
**MOTION** by Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit to refer to the Administration Committee, Motion by Rosetta Hunt to reaffirm and support the area’s previous motions to have urban area branch office staff (Chicago; Green Bay; Milwaukee; La Crosse; Madison and St. Paul, MN) should be paid livable wages. Second by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit. **13-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**  
**MOTION** by Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit to refer to the Office of the President, Motion by Marlene Helgemo requesting that the Pediatric Mobile Health Clinic be made available to the Twin Cities and Chicago Area. Second by Rep. Matt Mullen. **13-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**  
**MOTION** by Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit to refer to the Lynwood Task Force, Motion by Mark Stroessner to support the motion made at the Chicago Area Meeting on January 13, 2014 to not sell the Lynwood Property in Illinois and pursue renting the property out. Second by Rep. Matt Mullen. **13-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**  
**Read for the record:** Motion by Stephanie Yellowbank to support the motion made at the Chicago Area Meeting on January 13, 2014 to commission a cost analysis and independent study to determine whether it would be profitable to put gaming Class II/or III machines in all “C” Stores of the Ho-Chunk Nation, and how that would impact our gaming compact with the State of Wisconsin.  
**MOTION** by Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit to refer to the Office of the President, Motion by Mark Stroessner to host an Indian Land Tenure Foundation Free Will Preparation event the day of the March 13, 2014 area meeting at the St. Paul, MN branch office. Second by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit. **13-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**  
**MOTION** by Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit to refer to the Office of the President, Motion by Dale Stephens to pursue contract language that would be acceptable to the legal department. Second by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit. **13-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**  
**Read for the record:** Motion by Rosetta Hunt to support the nomination and election of Mary Mullen as the Area V delegate on the Ho-Chunk Nation Enrollment Committee in place of Spencer Lone Tree.  
**FYI** – Motion by Dale Stephens to table the naming of the branch office building until next month’s meeting.  
**MOTION** by Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit to refer to the Office of the President and Health Department, Motion by Rosetta Hunt if the Ho-Chunk Nation Health Department Board of Directors uses our area tribal membership numbers in obtaining health grants, then District V and the Milwaukee area should be included in the health services provided. Second by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit. **13-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**  
**FYI** – Motion by Stephanie Yellowbank to have the Health Department Board of Directors be a standing agenda item under Board Representative Reports (k.) with Mike Mullen being the representative.  
**MOTION** by Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit to refer to the Office of the President, Motion by Rosetta Hunt to have the Tribal Aging Unit investigate providing Emergency Service Plus-type insurance for elite elders. Second by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit. **13-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**  
**AGENDA AMENDMENT:**  
**MOTION** by Rep. Henning

Garvin to Baraboo area Election Board Appointees. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. **13-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**  
**MOTION** by Rep. Henning Garvin to rescind previous Baraboo Election Board Representative Appointments and to appoint Lucinda Lonetree as the Election Board Delegate for the Baraboo area and Mrs. Kim Cloud as Election Board Alternate for the Baraboo Area. Second by Rep. David Greendeer. **11-0-2(Reps. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit, VP Heather Cloud) EXECUTIVE SESSION:**  
**MOTION** by Rep. Andrea Estebo to go into executive session at 2:30 p.m. Second by Rep. David Greendeer. **13-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**  
5 Minute recess.  
Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit returns at 2:47 p.m.  
Rep. Shelby Visintin leaves at 2:40 p.m.  
Rep. Shelby Visintin returns at 2:52 p.m.  
Rep. Andrea Estebo leaves at 2:58 p.m.  
Rep. Andrea Estebo returns at 3:00 p.m.  
Rep. Lori Pettibone leaves at 3:04 p.m.  
Rep. Darren Brinegar leaves at 3:30p.m.  
Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit leaves at 3:30 p.m.  
Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit returns at 3:32 p.m.  
Rep. Darren Brinegar returns at 3:32 p.m.  
Rep. Lori Pettibone returns at 3:40 p.m.  
Rep. Susan Waukon leaves at 3:43 p.m.

Rep. Susan Waukon returns at 3:45 p.m.  
Rep. Robert TwoBears leaves at 3:45 p.m.  
Rep. Robert TwoBears returns at 3:50 p.m.  
Five minute recess.  
Rep Shelby Visintin leaves at 4:00 p.m.  
VP Heather Cloud leaves at 4:55 p.m.  
Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit leaves at 5:06 p.m.  
Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit returns at 5:10p.m.  
Rep. Andrea Estebo leaves at 5:13 p.m.  
Rep. Andrea Estebo returns at 5:15 p.m.  
Rep. Susan Waukon leaves at 5:35 p.m.  
Rep. Susan Waukon returns at 5:38 p.m.  
Rep. Greg Blackdeer leaves at 5:41 p.m.  
Rep. Greg Blackdeer returns at 5:50 p.m.  
**MOTION** by Rep. Henning Garvin to go back in to open session at 6:20 p.m. Second by Rep. Darren Brinegar. **11-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**  
**MOTION** by Rep. Darren Brinegar to ratify all action in executive session. Second by Rep. Robert TwoBears. **11-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**  
**UNFINISHED BUSINESS CONTINUED**  
**Legislative Organization Act** – Rep. Susan Waukon  
**MOTION** by Rep. Lori Pettibone to adopt Resolution 01-21-14G, Legislative Organization Act. Second by Rep. Susan Waukon. **7-3(Reps. Matt Mullen, Kathyleen**

**Lone Tree-Whiterabbit, Forrest Whiterabbit)-1(Rep. David Greendeer) MOTION CARRIED.**  
**Code of Ethics Act out for Forty-Five Day Public Comment** – Rep. Henning Garvin  
**MOTION** by Rep. Henning Garvin to adopt the Code of Ethics Act out for Forty-Five Day Public Comment. Second by Rep. David Greendeer. **11-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**  
**Ethics Review Board Appointment** – Rep. Lori Pettibone  
**MOTION** by Rep Darren Brinegar to have Legislative Counsel Draft a Resolution denying appointee Sara Dobbs as Ethics Review Board Member due to background. Second by Rep. Henning Garvin. **11-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**  
**ADJOURNMENT:**  
**MOTION** by Rep. Andrea Estebo to adjourn at 6:25 p.m. the next scheduled Legislative Meeting will be in Wisconsin Dells, February 4, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. Second by Rep. Darren Brinegar. **10-0-1(Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit) MOTION CARRIED.**  
**Respectfully Submitted by,**  
**Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit,**  
**Tribal Secretary**

SUMMONS  
(First Publication)  
IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT  
State of Wisconsin, Petitioner, v. Justina C. Hindsley, Respondent.  
Case : CS 14-01

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT: Justina C. Hindsley  
You are hereby informed that you have been named a respondent in the above-entitled civil lawsuit. This legal notice of the *Petition to Register & Enforce a Foreign Judgment or Order* is now served upon you by publication. Your written *Answer* to the *Petition* must be filed with the Court on or before the twentieth day from the date of the second published issuance of this *Summons*. You may request a hearing within your written response. See RECOGNITION OF FOREIGN CHILD SUPPORT ORDERS ORDINANCE, 4 HCC § 2.5. Also, you must send or present a copy of your *Answer* to the opposing party listed above or to their attorney of record. Failure to file a timely *Answer* in the time allowed *can affect your right to object to the enforcement of the foreign judgment or order*. *Id.*, § 2.6c.  
The Trial Court is physically located at Wa Ehi Hocira, W9598 Highway 54 East, Black River Falls, (Jackson County) Wisconsin. The Trial Court’s mailing address is P. O. Box 70, Black River Falls, WI 54615. The telephone number is (715) 284-2722, or toll free 800-434-4070, and the facsimile number is (715) 284-3136.

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HO-CHUNK NATION

Trust and Investment  
Committee

The Ho-Chunk Nation is currently seeking to appoint a qualified tribal member to serve on the Trust and Investment Committee. To be eligible for appointment, any interested individual shall be an enrolled member of the Ho-Chunk Nation and have one or more of the following qualifications.

- Certified Public Accountant or Chartered Financial Analyst
- An Associate’s or, preferably, a Bachelor’s degree in accounting, business or finance
- Financial professional certification
- At least five years proven experience managing investments as a fiduciary on another’s behalf

If you are interested in becoming a member and meet one of the above qualifications, please submit a letter of interest and extended resume to:

Ho-Chunk Nation  
Treasury Department  
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PO Box 640  
Black River Falls, WI 54615

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# Elk reintroduce

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ity elk. The facility has been largely funded by the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation. Karash visited the facility in 2012 with Wisconsin Big Game Specialist Kevin Walenfang and Wildlife Health Section Chief, Tami Ryan to confirm Wisconsin’s interest in obtaining elk. During talks with Kentucky Fish and Game, their interest in obtaining ruffed grouse surfaced. This is how the agreement has developed into exchanging Wisconsin grouse for Kentucky elk. Kentucky is working to complete some grouse habitat management and revise their management plan, Karash said.

To investigate the intricacies of reintroduction further, Karash and Paul Youngthunder, also of the Ho-Chunk DNR, traveled to the Clam Lake area in northern Wisconsin to learn more about the effort there, which established an experimental elk herd 1995, through a partnership between the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation and the University of Wisconsin Stevens Point. Many visitors travel to the Clam Lake area seeking

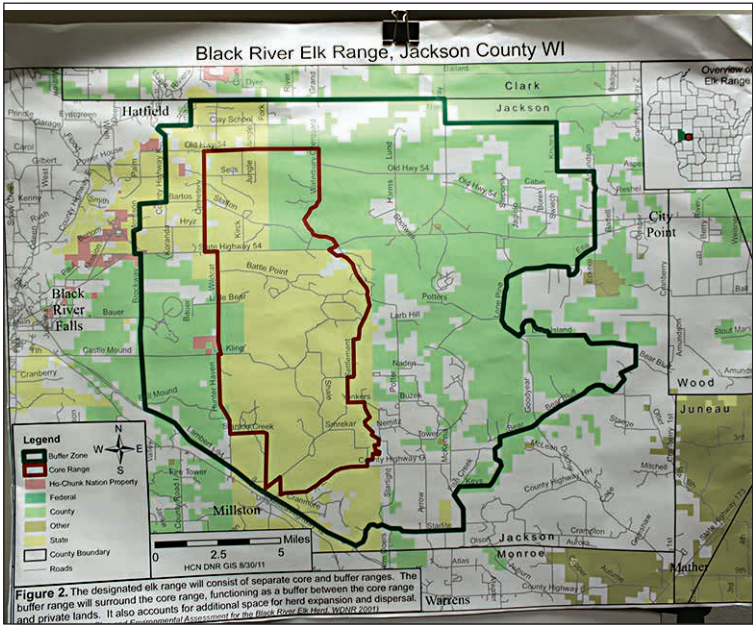
a glimpse of an elk or for the opportunity of hearing the wild bugle of a bull in the fall, it is expected the same will occur in Jackson County.

150 elk will be transported to Wisconsin over the course of 3 years, beginning in 2015. That means a minimum of 75 to establish the Black River Elk herd. It is proposed that the first shipment will be 30 elk to Jackson County, with the other amount arriving later over the course of the next couple years

Once the elk arrive, they will be placed in a holding pen, which will be constructed in an isolated location. The holding pen allows the animals to become acclimated to their new location. It ensures the animals are protected following transport. The time spent in the pen also will help for the elk to become attached to the area. The public is discouraged from visiting elk while they are in the holding pen. Wisconsin DNR and the Elk Advisory Committee are committed to providing opportunities for cultural ceremonies. Karash asserts that she will engage tribal leaders as the opportunities arise.

Elk are primarily grazers, so they will be eating a lot of grasses within the forest. Of the trees they browse, they prefer maple and aspen trees, Roepke said. They will do particularly well on clear-cut re-growth tree and brush areas.

Initially, there was some resistance by residents of the elk introduction to area, but that resistance has subsided. Cranberry growers were concerned initially, but then any



The range of the elk will be restricted to the forested area east of Black River Falls.

elk crop damage was placed into the wording of the Wildlife Damage and Abatement Claims Program (WDACP), which allows payments to be made for crop damages and harvesting of the offenders.

Wolves live in the area of the designated release, but it shouldn’t be a problem, Karash said. It takes a number of years before wolves learn how to take down an elk and also a number of years for the elk to learn how to defend themselves. We learned from the northern elk herd experiences, that it took eight years after elk introduction before an elk was killed by wolves.

“As wildlife managers we know the role of predator prey relationships, and we can say with confidence that the elk will be ok,” Karash said. We also know that we have management tools in our toolbox to influence predator populations, like the wolf hunt or

bear hunt.

As the project progresses and the herd grows, the public will have opportunities to volunteer and have some ownership in this restoration project, Karash said. During the initial years of the project, it is necessary to radio collar calves so, each spring, mid-March to mid-April, volunteers will be needed to search for the calves. Once the calf is located by the volunteer wildlife professionals will fit the calf with an expandable radio collar, all the while presenting an opportunity for volunteers to view the baby calf.

Some volunteers may be needed if capture of any of the elk is necessary and help may be needed to build pens and help restore or establish habitat.

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Date: Wednesday, March 19, 2014

Time : 6:00pm

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All players must be age 18 or older

Minimum of 4 man team

Four Horses

Rosters must be in by Wed. March 12, 2014

Straight shot Moccasin Tournament

Contact Levi Winneshiek at DICC

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Prizes:

First place: \$300

Second Place: \$200

Third Place: \$100

Registration forms available at District 1 Community Center

2014 SEASON

District One Community Center

3 on 3 Basketball League

The 2014 Season for 3 on 3 Basketball is here!

Date: Monday, March 3, 2014

Time: 6:00pm

District One Community Center Gym

Games will be held every Monday starting March 3, 2013.

Teams must submit their rosters by Friday, February 28, 2014.

Sign up as a team or an individual.

Season will be determined on how many teams are participating.

All players must be 18 years old.

Roster Forms are available at the District One Community Center!

We're Looking forward to another exciting season!

See you on the court!

Contact Melissa or Levi at 715-284-0905

No drugs or alcohol on Premises. If you are under the influence you will be asked to leave and will forfeit of game.

No Child Care is provide, please plan accordingly



Wisconsin Dells Area Youth Services Presents:

All-Around GAGA  
Basketball Fundraiser  
@H.O.W. Gym  
Friday March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2014



- Registration Begins @ 5:00 PM
- Tournament Begins @ 6:00 PM
- 6-10 Gaga's Per Team
- 10 Minute Halves
- ALL AGES WELCOME!!
- Each Gaga MUST Provide Their Own Wowaje, Purse and Hat or Wig!

Admission:  
\$5.00 Per Adult  
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# One ring cell phone scandal

Fiona Fay  
Staff Writer

Many cell phone users are in danger of a one ring cell phone scandal that can give cell phone users unauthorized charges on their wireless bills. Many cell phone users are receiving phone calls from Antigua, Jamaica, and other Caribbean Islands. The incoming call only rings once before disconnecting. Many cell phone users who answer or call back the unknown number will be charged a good

amount of money. The caller will then be charged \$19.95 for an international call fee and an additional \$9-per-minute charge.

The scandal has now hit cell phone users in Minnesota and the chances of the scandal hitting Wisconsin are very high. To protect you from being charged with unauthorized charges, be aware of the incoming call and check to see if it's an out of state number. Also, do not call back the number.

There will be a public forum in your District regarding the proposed changes to the Per Capita Ordinance.

If you have a child who will receive a trust fund, please plan to attend one of these important forums.

Look for the forum in your district.

Forums will be held the weeks of February 17-21 and March 3-7. More details to come. For more information regarding these important forums, please contact Christine Mach or Katie Funmaker at (715) 284-9343. Or email us at [Christine.Mach@ho-chunk.com](mailto:Christine.Mach@ho-chunk.com) or [Katie.Funmaker@ho-chunk.com](mailto:Katie.Funmaker@ho-chunk.com)

## Tomah Ho-Chunk Youth Service Presents:



# MARCH MADNESS GAGA BASKETBALL

*Female relatives let your Male relatives borrow a dress for a day!!!*

Saturday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014  
Tomah Middle School Gym  
612 Hollister Ave, Tomah, WI

DOORS OPEN AT 11AM  
Lunch will be served at \$5 Dollars a plate

Raffles going on all day  
Cake Walk  
Silent Auction  
Full Court Shot

### SPECIAL EVENTS:

3 Point Shooting Contest  
Skills Challenge  
Shooting Ho-Chunk Stars Contest  
\*CHOKA & GAGA OUTFIT REQUIRED

For More Information Contact:  
Marty Ybarra at 608-343-1539

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# MARCH MADNESS

2014

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Feb. 28 - March 2, 2014

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Roberta Funmaker  
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Men's 1st-\$10,000 2nd-\$6,000 3rd-\$3,000 4th-\$1,500

Women's 1st-\$7,000 2nd-\$5,000 3rd-\$3,000

Friday Special Events

Lil'Hoopsters Saturday Noon-1PM

Men's & Women's

Registration @ 11AM - Limited to 80

Nelson Funmaker 3-pt Shootout

March Madness Tournament Admission

\$250 - \$150 - \$50

Adults 18-59 \$10/wkend or \$5/day

Kunu Yazzie Slam Dunk Contest

Children 17 & under & Seniors 60+ FREE

\$250 - \$150 - \$50

All tournament players 18 & older, out of High School & proof of tribal enrollment with photo ID

Entry Fee Schedule: Early Bird thru 12/31/13 Men's \$600 Women's \$400

1/1/14-1/31/14 Men's \$675 Women's \$475 2/1/14-2/28/14 Men's \$750 Women's \$550

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# JUDGMENTS

## HOW IT AFFECTS YOUR APPROVAL FOR THE HO-CHUNK NATION HOME OWNERSHIP PROGRAM?

### What is a Judgment?

A judgment against an individual is generally a formal decision, sentence or order of a court of justice against that person. The term judgment can also be used to refer to a legal recording of an individual’s inability to honor a debt.

### How to find out if you have any Judgments against you?

- 1) Check the courthouse’s website. The State of Wisconsin’s website is called Wisconsin Circuit Court Access or <http://wcca.wicourts.gov>. Not all courthouses list the judgments issued on the Internet, but several of them do. Since judgments are public records, there is no restriction as to who can check them.
- 2) Call the courthouse. Ask the clerk’s office to look up your name to see if there have been any judgments filed against you. Some clerks will just give you the information over the phone, but others may not.
- 3) Go to the courthouse. Go to the clerk’s office and ask them in person to check for judgments against you. You may have to pay a small search fee.

### What steps do I take to pay off a Judgment?

- 1) Pay and Satisfy the judgment as soon as possible. It will take seven years for it to come off your credit report, but this is the best option available to most people. Judgments are placed on a credit report when a court holds a person responsible for an unpaid debt. These judgments hurt your credit score. This, in turn, can lead to higher interest rates on approved loans, or even declined loans. Credit card rates and approvals can also suffer as a result of a lowered credit score caused by judgments on your credit report.
- 2) Contact the company to whom the debt is owed. Ask if the company would be willing to dismiss the judgment if you are able to pay an agreed-upon amount upfront. This is often a portion of the debt which the company is willing to accept as “ready money,” rather than risk losing the entire amount if you are unable to pay the judgment.
- 3) Dispute the judgment with the credit bureau. If the credit bureau’s information about the judgment is incorrect, it will correct your credit report as soon as it receives accurate information. If the credit bureau is unable to verify the judgment within a 30-day period, the bureau will remove the judgment from your report.

### How do Judgments affect my application for the Home Ownership Program?

The Home Ownership Program checks through Wisconsin Circuit Court Access, if you reside in Wisconsin. If you reside elsewhere within the United States, the Home Ownership Program will check the internet for judgments through the state in which you reside. If you have judgments against you when you come up for consideration through the Home Ownership Program your application will be DEFERRED, which means you will not be considered until all judgments are PAID IN FULL and a SATISFACTION of the paid judgment is sent into our office.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Home Ownership Program staff at (608)374-1225.

## Homebuyer Education



Indian Heights Community Building  
Wisconsin Dells, WI  
Saturday, March 1, 2014  
8:00 a.m. to 4:30p.m.  
Lunch Provided & Door Prizes

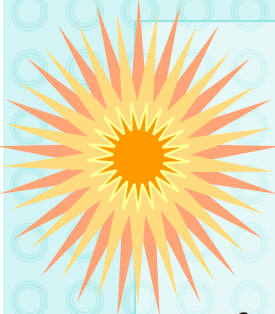
- ❖ Homebuyer Education can reduce the stress & confusion of buying a home.
- ❖ It is a great place to start if you’re considering buying a home & not quite ready.
- ❖ Come & Learn about Down Payment Assistance.
- ❖ Come join us!

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**CONTACT:**

Winona Mann, HHCD Homebuyer Education Specialist  
(608) 374-1245




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## Home Buyer Education

Saturday, February 22, 2014  
8:30 A.M. - 4:30 P.M.  
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Black River Falls, WI








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Event Ends at: 6:00 P.M.  
Location: House of Wellness

**Food will be provided**

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Family Services Program

**For more information please contact:**  
**Kristi Green**  
**715-284-2622 Ext. 5101**



Ho-Chunk Legislature seeks candidates to fill two positions

The Ho-Chunk Nation's Legislature is seeking applicants to fill the positions of

### Legislative Chief Clerk and Legislative Assistant Clerk

Both positions require a high degree of confidentiality and thorough knowledge of the legislative organization and processes of the Ho-Chunk Nation

The Chief Clerk must have a Bachelors Degree  
The Assistant Clerk must have an Associates Degree.

For more information, please contact  
Representative Kathyleen LoneTree-Whiterabbit  
kathy.whiterabbit@ho-chunk.com  
(715) 284-9343


Applications will be accepted by  
the Ho-Chunk Nation's Department of Personnel  
P.O. Box 667, Black River Falls, WI 54615  
lynda.baxter@ho-chunk.com • (715) 284.9465 (fax)

Department of Personnel  
Board of Directors

**The Ho-Chunk Nation's Department of Personnel is accepting applications from Ho-Chunk Tribal Members and/or Employees to serve on the Department's Board of Directors**

The Board will meet at least twice a year and will consist of 5 Board Members and two Alternates

Applicants should send a letter of interest and resume to: Tina McArthur, Executive Administrative Assistant  
Ho-Chunk Nation  
P.O. Box 667, Black River Falls, WI 54615  
tina.mcarthur@ho-chunk.com  
(715) 284-4361, extension 1100  
The deadline is March 1, 2014



# On the Road!

## College Readiness Workshop

Upcoming Dates:

- Baraboo-House of Wellness**  
Alberta Day Conference Room  
February 19th, 4pm-6pm
- Madison**  
Branch Office  
March 5th, 4pm-6pm
- La Crosse**  
Branch Office  
April 16th, 4pm-6pm
- Black River Falls- TOB**  
Legislative Conference Room  
April 24th, 4pm-6pm


More Areas and Dates To Be Announced!

(Dates and Locations subject to change)

*Don't miss this opportunity to:*

- learn about the financial & academic resources available to you through the Ho-Chunk Nation;
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For more information or to **RSVP** email: **MANDY.YOUNGTHUNDER@HO-CHUNK.COM**

Ho-Chunk Insurance Review Commission

**The Ho-Chunk Nation's Insurance Division is accepting applications from Ho-Chunk Tribal Members and/or Employees for one opening as a Commissioner on the Ho-Chunk Insurance Review Commission**

The HIRC hears appeals on the Ho-Chunk Nation's employee benefit insurance plan(s) decisions relating to employment.

The Commission meets quarterly, but only when there is a sufficient number of appeals to be heard

Applicants should send a letter of interest and resume to:

Ron Hanson, Insurance Manager  
Ho-Chunk Nation  
P.O. Box 667  
Black River Falls, WI 54615  
ronald.hanson@ho-chunk.com  
(715) 284.4361, extension 1112  
The deadline is March 1, 2014

## Notice of Monthly Meeting

### HHCDA

Ho-Chunk Housing & Community Development Agency  
(HUD Housing)

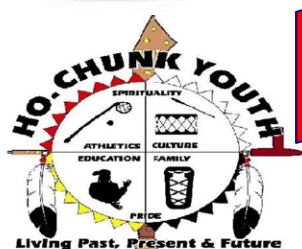
Thursday, February 28, 2014  
at 6:00 PM

HHCDA Office in Tomah  
(Corner of Monowau Street & Sime Avenue)

Agenda items by noon on Monday, 17th, 2014 to the Board Secretary at 608-374-1245, extension 222.



# BINGO



## Fundraiser

### February 17th, 2014

### 4:30 PM - 7:30 PM

### \$10 Packets 10 GAMES



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## Notice Announcing Emergency Propane Loans For HHCDTA Tenants and Other Ho-Chunk Nation Low- and Moderate-Income Households

### PURPOSE:

Ho-Chunk Housing and Community Development Agency (HHCDTA) is implementing an Emergency Propane Loan (EPL) program to assist HHCDTA tenants and low- and moderate-income Nation households with propane heating costs during this period when there is a shortage of propane and greatly increased cost/gallon. HHCDTA has 38 households whose primary heating is with propane. Propane dealers are generally requiring a minimum purchase of 200 gallons, whose cost would now average over \$1,000—an unanticipated amount that many households are unable to meet.

In order to assist these households, the HHCDTA Board of Commissioners has adopted an Emergency Propane Loan program available to eligible households. In order to be eligible, a household must be low- or moderate-income and renting from HHCDTA or be a Ho-Chunk Nation member who owns a home.

### CATEGORIES OF ELIGIBILITY:

- HHCDTA tenant and low- or moderate-income household.
- HCN member who owns their own home and is low- or moderate-income.
- Inability to afford a propane fill without assistance.
- Must sign a pledge of per-capita income as a condition of receiving a loan.
- Must pay from payroll, if employed by the Nation, at least \$25/week. (\$100/month, if from per capita.)
- May borrow up to \$2,000 from the date of application through March 15, 2014, or until the loan fund runs out, whichever is first.
- The EPL loan is 0% interest.
- Must agree to pay \$50 administrative fee.
- Must reside in the 15-county HHCDTA service area (includes all HHCDTA units).
- Once approved, after eligibility status has been confirmed, HHCDTA will inform the applicant and contact a propane provider to deliver the fuel in the approved amount to their home.

### HHCDTA CONTACT:

Please contact Terri Schilke at HHCDTA about Emergency Propane Loans: Tel. (608) 374-1245, ext. 233, or 1-800-236-2260, or email her at [terri.schilke@ho-chunk.com](mailto:terri.schilke@ho-chunk.com).

### OTHER CONTACTS—EMERGENCY GRANTS:

- Households in need of assistance should first contact HCN Social Services, to find out if a grant from the HCN Emergency Assistance Program is available: Tel. (715) 284-2622, ext. 5104, or Toll Free 1-888-343-8190, or email Fredricka Miner at [fredricka.miner@ho-chunk.com](mailto:fredricka.miner@ho-chunk.com).
- Also, a State of Wisconsin grant for Emergency Heating Assistance may be available: Tel. 1-866-432-8947 or 1-800-8891-9276, or on-line, go to map of "Where to Apply," at [www.homeenergyplus.wi.gov](http://www.homeenergyplus.wi.gov).

## EVENTS CALENDAR

(Editor's note: The Hocak Worak Events Calendar is open to everyone wishing to post an event that is open to the general public. We will publish the name of the event, date, time, location and contact information only. Any more information should be contained within a display ad.)

### FEBRUARY

- 11, 18, 25** – Getting to the Heart (heart disease) workshop, Black River Memorial Hospital, BRF; contact (715) 284-1325 or [brmh.net](mailto:brmh.net).
- 18** – Foot exams and nail care, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Wittenberg TAU; contact Judy at (715) 253-3820 or (715) 893-3075.
- 18** – Ho-Chunk Legislative Meeting, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Legislative Conference Room, TOB, BRF.
- 19** – Pinaga Tournament, 5:30 to 6 p.m. registration, 6 to 8 p.m. tournament; contact Melissa at (715) 284-0905.
- 19** – College Readiness Workshop, 4 to 6 p.m., Alberta Day Conference Room, House of Wellness, Baraboo; RVSP or for information contact Mandy. [Youngthunder@Ho-Chunk.com](mailto:Youngthunder@Ho-Chunk.com).
- 20** – Elder Social, 10 a.m., District One Community Center, BRF; contact Melissa at (715) 284-0905.
- 21** – The Game of Life, 1 to 6 p.m., House of Wellness, Baraboo; contact Kristi Green at (715) 284-2622 ext. 5101.
- 22** – Home Buyer Education, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Indian Mission Community Building, BRF; contact (608) 374-1245 Ext. 238.

- 26** – Ho-Chunk Finance Committee, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Legislative Conference Room, TOB, BRF.
- 27** – Ho-Chunk Finance Committee Special Meeting, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Legislative Conference Room, TOB, BRF.

### MARCH

- 3** – Three-on-Three Basketball Tournament, 6 p.m., District One Community Center gym; Team rosters must be submitted by Feb. 28; Contact Melissa or Levi at (715) 284-0905.
- 3** – Ho-Chunk Finance Committee Special Meeting, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Baraboo.
- 4** – Ho-Chunk Legislative Meeting, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Legislative Conference Room, TOB, BRF.
- 5** – Ho-Chunk Finance Committee Special Meeting, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Legislative Conference Room, TOB, BRF.
- 18** – Ho-Chunk Legislative Meeting, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Legislative Conference Room, TOB, BRF.
- 19** – Straight Shot Moccasin Tournament, 6 p.m., District One Community Center gym; Team rosters must be submitted by March 12; Contact Melissa or Levi at (715) 284-0905.

**ATTENTION HO-CHUNK ELDERS,  
AGE 60 YEARS AND OLDER**

## NATIONAL INDIAN COUNCIL ON AGING CONFERENCE

**September 2-6, 2014  
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Lee Ann Mortenson,  
Program Director

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HO-CHUNK NATION  
SUPREME COURT MEETING  
NOTICE

Saturday, February 22, 2014, 10:00 a.m.

HCN Wa Ehi Hoci Building  
W9598 HWY 54 E, Black River Falls, WI

NOTE: All Supreme Court meetings are open to the public except as noted above. If you wish to have an item added to the agenda, please notify Cory E. Barker, Clerk of Court, prior to the meeting at (715) 284-2722.

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February 12th  
2014




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2/20/14

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January 2014



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Where: House of Wellness  
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When: Saturday, 2/22/14

Time: 10:00 a.m. — 2:00 P.M.

Contact: Stephanie WhiteEagle  
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# Arvina Martin begins her new journey as chief communications officer

Ken Luchterhand  
Staff Writer

Arvina Martin brings a lot of her background and connections with people into her new job.

Arvina has just started on February 3 as the chief communications officer for the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature. It is a newly-created position intended to make sure important information about the Ho-Chunk Nation is known to the public, plus distributing information to the other branches of government.

"I always wanted to work with Indian communities,"

Arvina said. "I will use my education to help. I like politics and writing, so it's a very good fit."

To work with people at the new job, she must have a softer side to be able to relate to people. But, during her leisure time, she also has a more rough side – one that involves the more physical nature of roller derby.

Arvina is a 2002 graduate of Dartmouth College, worked for the University of Wisconsin – Madison as a Native American recruiter for the Admissions office, worked as a page for the state Assembly at the capitol, and, most recently, worked on political campaigns and an effort to get-out-the-vote for the Democratic Party of Wisconsin.

She is the daughter of Buck and Karen Martin and she is the mother of a 5-year-old daughter, Nico.

"I'm excited that I can use the skills and contacts I've made to help demonstrate the impact the Ho-Chunk Nation makes," she said. "My education and

professional experience come in handy and it makes sense to use those contacts."

Although she will partially be working out of her office in Madison, she doesn't believe the distance between Madison and Black River Falls will be an issue. With electronic means, she can perform her duties from many different venues, she said.

In general, she believes her job will consist of three elements: working with constituents, working with the different branches of Ho-Chunk government and working with the news media outlets in the communities.

In working with constituents, she believes she needs to use different methods to let them know what is going on. She plans to use many different methods and figure out which methods work best. She plans to use Facebook, Twitter and direct mail to inform the constituents.

To make sure the Legislature is working to its full capabilities, Arvina hopes to make sure it is working with other branches of the Ho-Chunk government, and state and local governments. She wants to make sure she communicates the Legislators' concerns to those entities over a variety of topics.

But Arvina isn't all about work. She has another side to her that might surprise many people.

She's an athlete and team member involved in roller derby.

"The woman who cuts my hair was involved in roller derby and she knew I would want to do it," Arvina said. "I wanted to be active, so it was a good fit – and it's a fun sport to play."

The roller derby teams were formed in a city recreation league. She tried out for the team, but didn't make the selection the first time.

In the second try-out, in September 2011, she was successful, and has been part of the Vaudeville Vixens team ever since. The team is part of a four-team group called Mad Rollin Dolls, which are all from Madison area. Each team is comprised of 20 people.

In addition, the Mad Rollin Dolls has two traveling teams, consisting of top skaters from the four area teams. Those teams are named the Dairyland Dolls and Team Unicorn. Last year Arvina was a red shirt skater on the Dairyland Dolls, but this year she will be skating for Team Unicorn as a full-ledged team member.



Arvina is known in the roller derby world as Donna Stunner #49.

The traveling teams play other teams from other cities. The furthest a team from Madison has played was in Paris, France, but more frequently play other teams in the United States. All of the team members have other jobs and are required to pay for travel expenses themselves.



**Arvina is ready to assume her duties as chief communications officer for the Ho-Chunk Legislature.**

It can be a rough-and-tumble sport, with teams earning points by passing opposing team members on the track. And the most physical part is preventing someone from doing so, which may involve an arm or elbow to the face or another vital area.

"Yes, I still have all my teeth," Arvina said. "We all wear protective gear, but it is a contact sport. I get to work out all my frustrations on the rink."

She also likes the aspect of developing new skills, such as the "apex jump," which involves jumping across the end of the oval rink to pass members of the opposing team. And she likes taking on challenges that may seem intimidating at first.

"It's great when I take on a girl who is super big. I get really nervous, but it's a wonderful challenge," she said. "And it's not bad when you fall down – people cheer for you because you took on something new and out of your comfort zone."



**Arvina Martin is also known as Donna Stunner in the roller derby world.**

## Ho-Chunk Gaming Black River Falls holds benefit concert for VFW Unmet Needs Program

Submitted by Tris Harris,  
Senior Manager-Public  
Relations, HCG-BRF

Ho-Chunk Gaming Black River Falls (HCG BRF) held a benefit concert with Country

Music Band BlackHawk and featured Jared Blake from NBC's "the Voice" on December 7th, 2013 (Pearl Harbor Day) where \$3000 was raised from ticket sales from

a Sold Out show! This is the 5th year the HCG BRF has given a donation to the Unmet Needs Program and the biggest donation so far.

Mike DeRosa, Central/Western Wisconsin Burger King Owner, has brought awareness to this program that helps the families of deployed servicemen. The funds raised in this area stay in this area and is used to help these military families with emergency needs such as rent, mortgages, utilities and this year when the Government shut down, they helped with the unfortunate burial bills.

Last year, DeRosa set out a goal of \$2 million dollars and as of July, there was \$2.1 million raised! "I am so happy that our efforts have paid off for the families of these everyday heroes, we are ecstatic with this amount!" DeRosa said during a check presentation prior to the start of the concert. Regarding the idea of this benefit concert, Robert Reider, Director of Marketing



**Opening act Jared Blake and his band.**



**BlackHawk**



**L-R: Robert Reider-HCG BRF Director of Marketing, Amanda –BRF BK Manager, Mike DeRosa-BK Owner & Unmet Needs Board Member, and Gene Hatfield-BK Director of Operations.**

for HCG BRF, stated "We feel the Unmet Needs Program is such a good way to make sure our Military families can make ends meet and this is a great way to get the word out about this program," Reider said while presenting the \$3000 check on stage to DeRosa before the concert.

In addition to the donation, Mike DeRosa and his colleagues had a donation table before, during and after the concert where over \$200 was raised by concert guests that wanted to give a little more during this holiday season.